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REMARKS

In response to the communication of July 28, 2004, claims 7 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments being presented places the application in condition for allowance.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicants, David W. Lynch, at 651-686-6633 Ext. 116.

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